

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): An ice melting package, comprising:

- a. a sleeve composed of a flexible, semi-permeable material for releasing an ice melting substance in response to contact with a surface of ice without degrading; and
- b. a predetermined amount of said ice melting substance contained within said sleeve.

Claim 2 (original): The ice melting package of claim 1, wherein said sleeve further includes a fastener secured thereto which permits selective opening and closing of said sleeve.

Claim 3 (original): The ice melting package of claim 2, wherein said fastener is a zipper.

Claim 4 (original): The ice melting package of claim 1, wherein said ice melting substance is selected from the group consisting of sodium chloride and potassium chloride.

Claim 5 (original): The ice melting package of claim 1, wherein said semi-permeable material is nylon.

Claim 6 (original): The ice melting package of claim 1, wherein said package is tube shaped.

Claim 7 (previously added): An ice melting package, comprising:

- a. a sleeve for containing an ice melting substance, wherein said sleeve includes means for absorbing a fluid into said sleeve and dispersing a solution comprising said ice melting substance and said fluid without degrading; and
- b. a predetermined amount of said ice melting substance contained within said sleeve.

Claim 8 (previously added): The ice melting package of claim 7, wherein said sleeve further includes a fastener secured thereto which permits selective opening and closing of said sleeve.

Claim 9 (previously added): The ice melting package of claim 8, wherein said fastener is a zipper.

Claim 10 (previously added): The ice melting package of claim 9, wherein said ice melting substance is selected from the group consisting of sodium chloride and potassium chloride.

Claim 11 (previously added): The ice melting package of claim 7, wherein said means for absorbing a fluid into said sleeve and dispersing a solution comprising said ice melting substance and said fluid comprises nylon.